

Local Affairs.

FORT BENTON OBSERVATORY.

HYDROLOGICAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCT 7, 1875.

Day of the Week.	Mean Barometer.	Mean Thermometer.	Highest temperature.	Lowest temperature.	Rainfall (No. of inches).	Depth of River.	Prevailing Wind.	Maximum velocity of wind.	State of weather during the week.
Friday,	29.77	63	82	40	0	0	S W	16	Clear
Saturday,	29.94	52	63	44	0	0	S W	24	Cloudy
Sunday,	30.02	51	62	40	0	0	S E	20	Cloudy
Monday,	30.18	39	50	35	0.38	0	S W	16	Rain
Tuesday,	30.11	44	60	33	0	0	S N E	8	Fair
Wednesday,	30.04	53	69	34	0	0	S N	20	Cloudy
Thursday,	30.16	50	78	41	0	0	W	20	Fair

WILLIAM MCGILLIVRAY,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

Rowe Bros. are building a fire-proof ice house.

Divine service (Roman Catholic) at the Old Fort to-morrow, at 10:30 a. m.

In view of the approaching survey, improvements on town lots still continue.

Dexter's train arrived from Cypress Hills on Tuesday. All quiet along the line.

Large quantities of hay are still rolling in, and the demand does not decrease.

There is a corner on the labor market just now. Any amount of work for good and faithful men.

We understand that several Fort Garry merchants are en route to take observations of the Indian trade.

Our citizens have liberally responded to a call from the Fort Garry prisoners for pecuniary assistance.

Tom Coatesworth was seriously injured a few days ago while chopping wood. He is around again to day.

We are informed that a mortgage on the River Stables has been foreclosed. Where is that advertisement.

Capt. Kirtland has been relieved from duty as Inspector of Indian annuities at the Belknap Agency, by Capt. Williams 7th Infantry.

Mr. Belenger has a fine herd of horses on Sun River. Parties desiring to purchase horses should not fail to read his notice in this issue.

Sheriff Rowe has served a writ of attachment in the action of Sanborn & Martin vs. Reynolds. Trial will take place on the 16th in the Probate Court.

Mr. D. W. Marsh has purchased the buildings formerly leased from W. S. Wetzel & Co. and has had them painted and otherwise improved throughout.

Our business men are improving their stores and dwellings now, under the impression, we suppose, that they will have no time next spring for anything but to wait on customers.

Messrs Arnoux and Buckland of Highwood creek have contracted for the sale of the greater portion of their crops. Mr. Arnoux has alone raised over 100,000 pounds of potatoes this season.

Slim Jim, the notorious horse thief, who was arrested a short time ago at Deep Creek, has escaped from the jail at Diamond City. Our ranchmen had better look out for him and, if possible, have him re-arrested.

As evidence of the enterprise of the Fort Benton Transportation Company, we publish the following characteristic dispatch recently received from T. C. Power: "Twenty tons more freight forwarded. Cow Island or bust." And Cow Island it was.

Personal.

Sample Bro's started for British America on the 7th, with a large band of horses for the Indian trade.

J. D. Weatherwax and H. E. Bond are home from the Fair. As H. E. seems anxious to have his new dwelling in order, we presume she must be on the road.

Capt Allen and several members of the Mounted Police are in town, from Cypress. In justice to the officers and men of that post be it said, their sympathies are with the American prisoners.

I. G. BAKER & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Are in Receipt of a Larger

Stock of Assorted Merchandise

THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN MONTANA.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CASH BUYERS

Will Pay the Highest Rates

for ROBES & FURS.

Transact a General

STORAGE & FREIGHTING

Business, and will Contract Freight from Eastern Cities to All Points in Montana.

ARE PREPARED TO TAKE RISKS ON SHIPMENTS

By Way of the Missouri River.

Benton Court Scenes.

[SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR THE RECORD.]

"I am told, Mr. Sheriff," pleasantly remarked the judge the other day after seating himself in the Temple of Justice and placing his left forearm on the desk in front of him—"I am told that you can sing a very affectionate song."

Here the judge raised his left forearm, which had been resting in a pool of ink, and, looking darker than the fluid before him, he continued: "This coat has been my companion for twenty-five years. It is constructed of the finest cassimere fabric, and its cost is identified with the costs of many suits. Let this terrible occurrence be a warning to you! Beware! Produce the prisoner!"

The sheriff left the room. Outside he bestowed a tremendous kick upon a white haired dog, the property of his Honor, and soon jerked into the courtroom the prisoner, a burly looking gentleman, whose left cheek had been harrowed by the finger-nails of some unknown fiend.

"Your name is William Onik, and I've had my eye on you for some time," observed the Judge.

"I will pay—" commenced the crestfallen William.

"Silence!" interrupted his Honor fiercely. "I know all about it. You were drunk and you were lacerated. You possess a fair countenance and plenty of muscle to protect it. When I was a schoolboy there lived next door to me Reuben Sniff, a boy of my own age, but a trifle heavier and stronger. We fought often, and by always hitting Reuben in the nose and at the start, I always managed to bring blood and to send him home blubbering. Reuben's nose was his weak point, and I was an observant chap. One day Reuben, accompanied by his big brother, invited me to a bout on the meadow back of his father's stable. Of course I accepted! Reuben looked confident, almost triumphant. This made me mad. But on the way to the meadow I began to consider my disadvantages, and upon a sudden resolve, when least expected, I struck Reuben sideways and with all my might on his weak and my favorite spot. The result was as usual, and the battle ended in my favor, though I must own that on that occasion my retreat towards home was rather precipitate."

Here his Honor raised the flap of his coat collar to allow a generous tear to trickle down into the abyss of his manly bosom.

"William Onik," he continued, "your appearance has awakened the tender memories of yore. Draw a useful lesson from these recollections. Go home. You are free."

A Question,

FORT BENTON, Oct. 3, 1875.

To the Editor of the Record:

Always assuming that your calling embraces, as a principal feature, didacticity, which Webster translates "devotion to teaching," I come to you with a conundrum, the solution of which has troubled my untutored mind for some time: By what right and upon what rule or construction of grammar do three of the journals of this Territory—namely, the *Madisonian*, the *Missoulian*, and the *Montanian*—adopt the letter i before the end syllable? If this be correct, why should we not say Michiganian Americanian and African? The terms Pennsylvaniaian, Californian, or Mississippiian certainly cannot furnish these journals a precedent, as the letter i already existed in the first root of the compound word. After a thorough search of the authorities within reach, I am of opinion that the titles of these journals are ungrammatical and should properly read *Madisonian*, *Missoulian*, and *Montanan*. If you, Mr. Editor, or either of these journals can convince me of my error and their correctness, I shall be thankful to you or them, for this inquiry is presented by me for the sole purpose of obtaining information not now in my possession. My theory of these compound words designating the native or inhabitant or representative of any country, State or Territory, county or town, excludes the correctness of the journal titles above referred to. The Greek word *aner*, man, is the root of the addition forming the compound words in question. Either the first or second syllable of the same is used; see Pennsylvaniaian, Californian, Iowan, and New Yorker, Vermonter, Mainer. As a general rule, *an* is added to the nouns ending with a vowel, and *er* to those ending with a consonant; as an exception, *er* is also used where the noun ends with the vowel e. If I am wrong, please enlighten me.

PUPIL.
[As there are many precedents for the use of the letter i before the termination *an*, it may be said to have the authority of custom; but before attempting to prove its grammatical correctness, we should like to hear from one or more of the journals above referred to.—Ed.]

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EXCELSIOR BOX STOVE.

A complete assortment of the above popular stoves on hand and for sale by

I. G. BAKER & CO.

NOTICE—CARD.

SUN RIVER CROSSING, MONTANA,
August 9th, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

I have this day sold to George Steell all my right, title, and interest in and to the following, viz:

All merchandise in and pertaining to my store and blacksmith shop at Sun River Crossing, together with my interest in the bridge known as Largent's Bridge, at Sun River Crossing; my interest in the saw mill, and the lumber business carried on under the name and firm of Largent & Adam's; together with all book accounts, notes or other securities due and pertaining to the above-named business; and the above-named George Steell is hereby authorized by me to collect all debts due me.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me, will call and make immediate settlements and save costs.

JOHN LARGENT.

CARD.

Having bought out the interest of the above-named John Largent, I ask the attention of all who are indebted to him to settle their accounts as requested, and solicit the patronage of all old customers and the public generally.

GEORGE STEELL.

BOOTS & SHOES.

The undersigned will furnish the residents of Fort Shaw and vicinity with custom-made **Boots & Shoes** of finest finish and latest style, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Repairing neatly and promptly executed.

JOSEPH P. SMITH,
Seventh Infantry Band, Fort Shaw, M. T.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL

Sam Schwab.....Proprietor

MAIN STREET, HELENA.

Steamer passengers and other persons visiting Helena will find it to their advantage to patronize this well-known House.

NOTICE

The undersigned has among his herd, on Sun River, a few good American horses, which are now being broken to the saddle. They are for sale at reasonable prices.

L. BELENGER.

NOTICE:

Parties desiring to purchase horses, will find it to their advantage to await the arrival of our herd, which is now on its way from Missoula, and will arrive at Benton on or about the 1st day of October.

BROWN & AKERS.

SUMMONS.

In the Probate Court of Chouteau County, Montana Territory.

Charles D. Brown, Plaintiff,

vs.

Harry Taylor, Defendant.

You are hereby summoned to appear within forty days from the date of this publication, to answer the complaint of the plaintiff who claims to recover of you the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, alleged to be due him on contract, express or implied, for the payment of money which is now due; and that unless you appear and answer as herein required, judgement by default will be taken against you for the said sum and the costs.

Benton, September 28, 1875.

R. R. MILLS, Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk.
J. A. KANOUSE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Fur Items.

The following items are condensed from the *Clothier & Hatter* of Sept. 27th:

The catch of robes in British North America and the Upper Missouri is immense. About 20,000 have been sent direct from Benton to Montreal.

No demand for shoe robes. No. 1 robes retail at \$5.00.

The short catch in the lower plains, and the extra large catch elsewhere, and a large old stock, make a greater whole than for years back. Indian traders must go with the times and take lower prices.

At Fort Hamilton trading post the Indians are quiet and buffalo plenty.

The decrease in the robe market this year amounts to about 40,000.

The largest collection of Montana robes has been brought into this market by Herpich & Co.

D. W. MARSH,

Having purchased and re-fitted the store formerly occupied by W. S. Wetzel & Co.,

ON FRONT STREET,

Is now prepared to offer to the citizens of Benton and vicinity.

Cheap for Cash or Barter,

A General Assortment of

MERCHANDISE

Consisting of

DRY GOODS

and

GROCERIES,

HARDWARE

and

CROCKERY,

HATS

and

CAPS,

BOOTS

and

SHOES,

Notions, Etc., Etc.

Fort Benton, M. T., August 1875

An Institution of the Country.

The Montana Steam Cracker Company North Main Street, Helena, has become one of the institutions of the Territory, and deserving of patronage. They manufacture just what is needed in this section. Hard Tack, Soda, Butter, Pic-Nic, Milk, and Sugar Crackers, Ginger Snaps, &c., &c., and deal in Groceries, Flour, Grain, Assorted Merchandise, and Bakers' Goods Generally. Send to LOCKY BROS. for anything you want.

Important to the Traveling Public.

It is the duty of all persons before starting on a journey to ascertain by what route they can reach their destination with the least possible trouble, and if there are two or more roads leading to the same point, to decide which is the safest and pleasantest to travel.

We take pleasure in stating that the CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY is the oldest, and several miles the shortest, route between Omaha and Chicago. Within the past two years the road has been put in admirable condition, and almost the entire line has been relaid with steel rails.

The Depot in Chicago is centrally located, and as their trains arrive there thirty minutes in advance of all other lines, passengers can always be sure of making Eastern connections. For all points in Northern and North-Eastern Iowa, you should purchase tickets via Marshall, Cedar Rapids, or Clinton. For points in Northern Illinois or Wisconsin, via Fulton; and if you are going to Chicago, or East, you should, by all means, purchase your tickets by the Old Pioneer Route—

THE CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN.

You will find on all through trains Pullman Sleepers, new and magnificent Day Coaches, and the best Smoking and Second Class Cars now on any road in the United States.

Particular information, with maps, time tables, etc., may be had at any of the Through Ticket Offices in the West, or upon personal or written application to

J. H. MOUNTAIN, Western Traveling Agent, Omaha, Neb., or to

W. H. STENNETT, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.